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SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF GERMAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO
RWANDA

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1. (C) RWANDAN PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU MET SEPTEMBER 19 WITH
GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER KINKEL AND, SEPARATELY, STATE
SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION
HANS-PETER REPNIK. IN A PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING THEIR
MEETING, REPNIK DECLARED THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS

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READY TO RESUME ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH RWANDA. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FROZEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR -- AN ESTIMATED DM 70-90 MILLION ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE AND BMZ CONTACTS -- WOULD NOW BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS. REPNIK SAD THAT GERMANY WOULD ALSO SEE TO IT THAT THE EU RESUMES ITS ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH RWANDA. GERMANY HAS SET ASIDE A TOTAL OF 246 MILLION DM (160 MILLION USD) FOR RWANDA THIS YEAR, OF WHICH 78 MILLION DM HAS COME FROM THE MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (BMZ), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NON-EMERGENCY AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS.

2. (C) IN HIS MEETING WITH KINKEL, BIZIMUNGU SUGGESTED THAT ONE PLAY A PATH-BREAKING ROLE AMONG DONORS BY ESTABLISHING A TYPE OF MARSHALL PLAN FOR RWANDA. HE SAID KIGALI REQUIRED MORE RESOURCES TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES AND WOULD NEED FOREIGN EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE AS IT SOUGHT TO REBUILD ITS JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

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3. (C) KINKEL SAID THE FRG WAS ALREADY A LEADER IN ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA, PROVIDING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE OF ANY EUROPEAN COUNTRY AS WELL AS A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF EU FUNDING. HE SAID GERMANY WOULD CONTINUE THE PROJECTS IN WHICH IT WAS CURRENTLY ENGAGED, INCLUDING WATER PURIFICATION AND PROVISION OF SEED FOR THE NEXT PLANTING. HE NOTED THAT GERMANY WAS THE FIRST EUROPEAN COUNTRY TO RE-STAFF ITS MISSION AND WOULD SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO KIGALI IN OCTOBER. KINKEL, WHO SERVED AS JUSTICE MINISTER PRIOR TO TAKING UP HIS CURRENT POST, EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE JUDICIAL SPHERE.

4. (C) KINKEL STRESSED THE NEED FOR A POLICY OF RECONCILIATION IN RWANDA AND FOR MEASURES FACILITATING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES. BIZIMUNGU ASSURED HIM THAT KIGALI WAS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES, BUT IT LACKED RESOURCES. (IN CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF, A CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT KIGALI'S COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES.) REPNIK EMPHASIZED IN HIS DECLARATION THAT RWANDA NEEDED A GOVERNMENT ABLE TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE COUNTRY COULD BE RECONSTRUCTED.

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